



Newsletter for English Teachers November 2004

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Native American Indian Heritage Month (November)

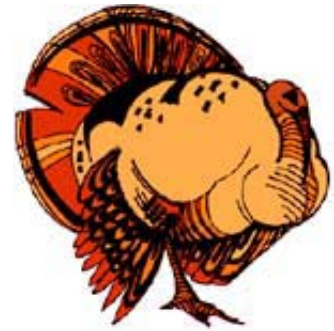
Native American Indian Heritage Month is celebrated to recognize the intertribal cultures and to educate the public about the heritage, history, art and traditions of the American Indian and Alaskan Native people. It's origins go back to 1915, when the first "American Indian Day" was celebrated

- **About the USA: Native Americans**
<http://usa.usembassy.de/society-natives.htm>
- **Activities to Celebrate American Indian Heritage Month** (Education-World)
http://www.education-world.com/a_lesson/lesson209.shtml
- **American Indian Heritage Month** (InfoPlease)
<http://www.infoplease.com/spot/aihm1.html>
- **Facts for Features: American Indian and Alaska Native Heritage Month:**
November 2004 (U.S. Census Bureau)
http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/002950.html
pdf Version
<http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www.2004/cb04ff20-2.pdf>
- **National Museum of the American Indian**
<http://www.nmai.si.edu/>
- **Proclamation by the President of the United States of America**
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/news/releases/2004/11/20041104-15.html>

Thanksgiving (November 25, 2004)

Thanksgiving Day is the fourth Thursday in November, but many Americans take a day of vacation on the following Friday to make a four-day weekend, during which they may travel long distances to visit family and friends.

The holiday dates back to 1621, the year after the Puritans arrived in Massachusetts, determined to practice their dissenting religion without interference. After a rough winter, in which about half of them died, they turned for help to neighboring Indians, who taught them how to plant corn and other crops. The next fall's bountiful harvest inspired the Pilgrims to give thanks by holding a feast. The Thanksgiving feast became a national tradition -- not only because so many other Americans have found prosperity but also because the Pilgrims' sacrifices for their freedom still captivate the imagination.



To this day, Thanksgiving dinner almost always includes some of the foods served at the first feast: roast turkey, cranberry sauce, potatoes, pumpkin pie. Before the meal begins, families or friends usually pause to give thanks for their blessings, including the joy of being united for the occasion.

- **About the USA: Thanksgiving** <http://usa.usembassy.de/holidays-thanksgiving.htm>
- **Facts for Features: Thanksgiving Day, 2004**
http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/releases/archives/facts_for_features_special_editions/002938.html
 PDF Version (60.9k) <http://www.census.gov/Press-Release/www/2004/cb04ff-19.pdf>
- **Pardoning of the Thanksgiving Turkey** (White House)
<http://www.whitehouse.gov/holiday/thanksgiving/>
- **Plimoth Plantation** <http://www.plimoth.org/>
- **Thanksgiving (Pilgrim Hall Museum)** <http://www.pilgrimhall.org/thanksg2.htm>
- **The First Thanksgiving** (Scholastic)
<http://teacher.scholastic.com/thanksgiving/index.htm>
- **Thanksgiving: Exploring the History and Meaning of the Holiday** (NYTimes Learning Network)
http://www.nytimes.com/learning/students/explorer/thanksgiving/_tourlaunch1.htm
- **Thanksgiving Day** (InfoPlease) <http://www.infoplease.com/spot/thanksgiving.html>
- **Thanksgiving on the Net** <http://www.holidays.net/thanksgiving/>
- **Teaching About Thanksgiving** (Center for the World Indigenous Studies)
<http://www.night.net/thanksgiving/lesson-plan.html>
- **The Truth about the Pilgrims and Thanksgiving**
<http://pilgrims.net/plymouth/thanksgiving.htm>

Colonial America

The first successful English colony was founded at Jamestown, Virginia, in 1607. A few years later, English Puritans came to America to escape religious persecution for their opposition to the Church of England. In 1620, the Puritans founded Plymouth Colony in what later became Massachusetts. Plymouth was the second permanent British settlement in North America and the first in New England. By 1733 English settlers had founded 13 colonies along the Atlantic Coast, from New Hampshire in the North to Georgia in the South.

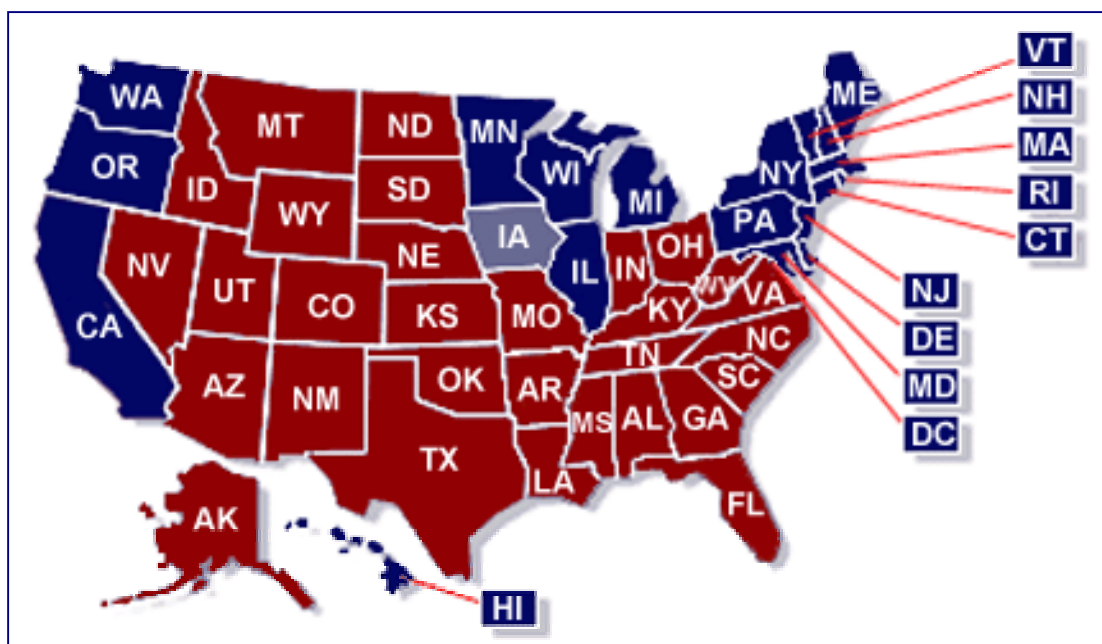
- **Colonial America. (Library of Congress)**
<http://www.americasstory.com/cgi-bin/page.cgi/jb/colonial>
- **Colonial Kids** (ThinkQuest Library) <http://library.thinkquest.org/J002611F/>
- **History of the U.S. : Colonial Period** <http://usa.usembassy.de/history-colonial.htm>
- **Life in Colonial America** http://www.east-buc.k12.ia.us/00_01/CA/home.htm
- **Life on Plymouth Plantation** <http://score.rims.k12.ca.us/activity/plymouth/>

- **Outline of American History. Early America**
<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/history/ch1.htm>
- **Outline Of American Literature. Early American and Colonial Period to 1776**
<http://usinfo.state.gov/products/pubs/oal/oaltoc.htm>
- **Pilgrim Hall Museum** <http://www.pilgrimhall.org/plgrmhll.htm>
- **The Pilgrims (Mayflower Society)** <http://www.themayflowersociety.com/pilgrim.htm>
- **The Pilgrims and Plymouth Colony 1620: Study Guide and Resources**
<http://www.rootsweb.com/~mosmd/>
- **Teaching Colonial American History on the Web (JAHc)**
<http://mcel.pacificu.edu/JAHc/JAHcIII1/K12/index.html>

New Publications: Currents in American Scholarship

- **New Directions in American Literary Scholarship 1980-2002**
by Emory Elliot & Craig Svonkin, University of California
- **American Studies Bibliography**
by Bernard Mergen, George Washington University
- **American Religious History**
by Catherine L. Albanese, University of California Santa Barbara

Election Results



ELECTORAL COLLEGE TOTALS

270 votes needed to win

	ELECTORAL VOTES		POPULAR VOTE	
	<u>States</u>	<u>EVs</u>	<u>Pct</u>	<u>Total</u>
BUSH:	30	279	51.0%	59,427,142
KERRY:	20	252	48.0%	55,907,529
NADER/OTHERS:	0	0	1.0%	1,075,537
Undecided:	1 state, 7 electoral votes			

Distribution By State

State	EVs	Bush		Kerry	
		Total Votes	Percent	Total Votes	Percent
Alabama	9	✓ 1,174,348	62.5%	691,993	36.8%
Alaska	3	✓ 151,876	61.8%	86,064	35.0%
Arizona	10	✓ 908,211	54.9%	735,327	44.5%
Arkansas	6	✓ 566,678	54.3%	464,157	44.5%
California	55	4,403,495	44.3%	✓ 5,427,055	54.6%
Colorado	9	✓ 1,056,712	52.2%	942,608	46.6%
Connecticut	7	686,923	44.0%	✓ 847,666	54.3%
Delaware	3	171,531	45.8%	✓ 199,887	53.3%
D.C.	3	19,007	9.3%	✓ 183,876	89.5%
Florida	27	✓ 3,911,825	52.1%	3,534,609	47.1%
Georgia	15	✓ 1,889,832	58.1%	1,345,198	41.4%
Hawaii	4	194,109	45.3%	✓ 231,318	54.0%
Idaho	4	✓ 408,254	68.5%	180,920	30.4%
Illinois	21	2,313,415	44.7%	✓ 2,826,757	54.7%
Indiana	11	✓ 1,474,475	60.1%	960,899	39.2%
Iowa	7	745,970	50.1%	732,737	49.2%
Kansas	6	✓ 717,507	62.2%	420,846	36.5%
Kentucky	8	✓ 1,069,451	59.5%	712,903	39.7%
Louisiana	9	✓ 1,101,296	56.8%	818,207	42.2%
Maine	4	309,667	45.0%	✓ 365,089	53.1%
Maryland	10	951,892	43.3%	✓ 1,223,813	55.7%
Massachusetts	12	1,067,163	37.0%	✓ 1,793,916	62.1%
Michigan	17	2,306,292	47.8%	✓ 2,471,905	51.2%
Minnesota	10	1,345,168	47.6%	✓ 1,443,564	51.1%
Mississippi	6	✓ 666,396	59.8%	440,255	39.5%
Missouri	11	✓ 1,452,715	53.4%	1,253,879	46.1%
Montana	3	✓ 265,473	59.1%	173,363	38.6%
Nebraska	5	✓ 486,766	66.6%	234,236	32.1%
Nevada	5	✓ 414,939	50.5%	393,372	47.9%
New Hampshire	4	330,848	49.0%	✓ 340,019	50.3%
New Jersey	15	1,587,494	46.5%	✓ 1,799,320	52.7%
New Mexico	5	✓ 370,706	50.0%	362,340	48.9%
New York	31	2,782,457	40.5%	✓ 3,971,059	57.8%
North Carolina	15	✓ 1,910,936	56.1%	1,484,158	43.5%

North Dakota	3	✓ 195,998	62.9%	110,662	35.5%
Ohio	20	✓ 2,796,147	51.0%	2,659,664	48.5%
Oklahoma	7	✓ 959,655	65.6%	504,077	34.4%
Oregon	7	823,210	47.6%	✓ 890,698	51.5%
Pennsylvania	21	2,756,361	48.6%	✓ 2,883,833	50.8%
Rhode Island	4	161,654	38.9%	✓ 247,407	59.5%
South Carolina	8	✓ 924,170	58.0%	650,350	40.8%
South Dakota	3	✓ 232,545	59.9%	149,225	38.4%
Tennessee	11	✓ 1,381,937	56.8%	1,033,176	42.5%
Texas	34	✓ 4,519,023	61.2%	2,827,756	38.3%
Utah	5	✓ 612,623	71.1%	227,286	26.4%
Vermont	3	120,710	38.9%	✓ 183,621	59.1%
Virginia	13	✓ 1,662,484	54.0%	1,396,269	45.3%
Washington	11	1,002,546	45.6%	✓ 1,166,484	53.0%
West Virginia	5	✓ 418,151	56.1%	321,641	43.2%
Wisconsin	10	1,477,122	49.4%	✓ 1,488,935	49.8%
Wyoming	3	✓ 167,129	69.0%	70,620	29.1%

All vote totals are with 95-100% precincts reporting.

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